of the pricing formula; extension of yard credit on soft terms to the shipping companies placing orders on Indian yards is under consideration.

(*vi*) *Central Inland Water Transport Corporation*

With a view to improving the performance and the viability of the Company's operations the following measures have been taken by the Government:—

(a) Modernisation of the fleet by acquisition of 63 new vessels at a cost of Rs. 68.80 crores on replacement account was approved by the Government under the 7th Plan scheme.

(b) Modernisation of the ship repair facilities of RBD of the Corporation has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 71.34 crores in December, 1992.

(c) A Voluntary Retirement Scheme has been approved with a view to off load the surplus manpower.

**Registration of Indian Ships Abroad**

1267. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian shipping companies have sought registration of Indian ships abroad;

(b) if so, whether Government have granted permission; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The Indian Shipping industry has sought suitable amendment in the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 in order to give powers to Central Government to permit registration of Indian owned ships abroad. This is with a view to facilitate raising of funds from abroad.

(b) and (c) According to expert legal opinion, if an Indian company acquires a ship in a foreign country with foreign loan and registers the ship in that country, it will remain a foreign ship and not an Indian ship. Therefore, it will not be obligatory on the company to register such a ship under the Merchant Shipping Act.

**दिल्ली परिवहन निगम की बस रूट गाईड**

1268. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल** : क्या **जल-भूतल परिवहन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सच है कि दिल्ली परिवहन निगम की बस रूट गाईड पिछले कई वर्षों से प्रकाशित नहीं हुई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) बस रूट गाईड को कौन-कौन सी भाषाओं में प्रकाशित किया जाना होता है ?

**जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाईटलर)** : (क) से (ग) दिल्ली परिवहन निगम की अन्तिम रूट गाईड फरवरी, 1990 में प्रकाशित की गई थी। यह रूट गाईड दो भाषाओं अर्थात् अंग्रेजी व हिन्दी में प्रकाशित की जाती है।

**दिल्ली में प्री-पेड टैक्सी और टी०एस०आर० सेवा**

1269. **श्री मौलाना ओबैदुल्ला खान आजमी** : क्या **जल-भूतल परिवहन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :